



Meeting Minutes – Educational Preparedness Working Group

Date: August 23, 2016

Time: 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Location: Prior Lake Library

Work Group Members:

Roz Addler	X	Renee Hartman		Todd Otis	
Linda Anderson		Amy Hennen		Michelle Rutoski	
Carla Arrunategui		Candace Kragthorpe		Tamara Severtson	
Lynne Burke		Kim Latterner	X	Kami Thompson	X
Kathy Busch	X	Barbara Marschall	X	Lisa Von Bokern	
Mary Erickson		Ibrahim Mohamed		Leanne Weyrauch	X
Marie Johnson	X				

Staff Members:

Suzanne Arntson	X	Jake Grussing	X	Jennifer Schultz	X
Lisa Brodsky	X	Kari Ouimette	X	Tawnya Ward	X
Sarah Geffre		Lisa Pollard			

General Housekeeping

- Marie Johnson, CAP, is new to the group.
- Tawnya Ward, Supervisor at the Scott County Mental Health Center, is new to the group.
- Reminder that the 50 by 30 website (www.livelearnearn.org) is live. The website hosts agendas, minutes, and other information for each of the groups related to the 50 by 30 project (Housing, Workforce Readiness, Educational Preparedness, Transportation and Steering Committee). This is a great resource for seeing what the other groups are doing.
- The Ed Prep group still needs a co-chair. If you are interested, contact Kami Thompson, Jen Schultz or Sarah Geffre.

Scott County Delivers Update

Jake provided an update from the Scott County Delivers presentation on Early Literacy that occurred on August 4th. Jake explained that in years one and two of Scott County Delivers, County programs presented outcomes on their individual programs. Now in year three of Scott County Delivers, the presentation combined programs. Presenters included

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representatives from Scott County Library, Scott County Child Care Licensing, Scott County Public Health, CAP, and Scott County Child Care Association. The group prepared for the presentation by looking at the strengths within the systems, identifying the gaps, and looking to where they are heading. This is similar to how the 50 by 30 Ed Prep group is beginning our work.

Jake talked about not wanting to duplicate efforts between the Scott County Delivers Early Literacy group and the 50 by 30 Ed Prep group, but how they could be a good resource for data.

Steering Committee Update

The Steering Committee met earlier in the day on August 23rd. This was the first steering committee that Kami attended as the recently appointed chair of the Ed Prep Workgroup. Kami reported that in February all the 50 by 30 Workgroups will come together to report on data and group goals.

Steering committee shared some concern that Workgroups are trying to fix before we know why? Kathy, Steering Committee Chair, reminded that we need to hear from communities regarding our work.

General Discussion

The Workgroup engaged in general discussion related to our goals, target population, and required data. If our goal is increasing literacy, isn't there a ton of research? What does the general research say about literacy? What is contributing to 3rd graders not reading at grade level?

Discussed other reach options/questions: Research on attendance? How do such factors like poverty, health, language impact literacy?

Group further discussed how to move our group from speculation to the next phase? How committed is this group and what resources are available? Need to be realistic but slow pace may be frustrating and concern that momentum may be lost.

This led to a discussion about potential goals:

1. Comprehensive services
2. Resources in one spot. Could we use Bridge to Benefits as a model?
3. Library recently received 50K grant to launch mobile literacy services. What are some ideas for how to do this?

Kami then asked the group to consider two things that we are each passionate about.

Homework

Take some time before our next meeting to think about the following:

1. We need a co-chair for our group. If you are interested, contact Kami Thompson (priorlake@nhacademy.net), Jen Schultz (jschultz@co.scott.mn.us) or Sarah Geffre (sgeffre@scottlib.org).
2. Consider possible programs for a mobile literacy services vehicle. We will discuss at the next meeting.
3. Each group member is to bring their two top passions for the workgroup and be prepared to present your top two to the group.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 27, 2016 from 5:30- 7:00 at the Prior Lake Library

Minutes taken by Jen Schultz